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Coronavirus COVID-19 Update

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COVID-19 Solidarity Trial Begins

To date the number of confirmed infections of the novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) outbreak has now reached **576,859** total number of cases with a total of **26,455** deaths (as per data reported by Johns Hopkins University 5.45pm March 27th). These numbers have greater than doubled since our last newsletter

This week saw a huge increase in the number of global cases of COVID-19. On March 23rd, cases surpassed 300,000. As outlined above, only four days later, cases have surpassed 500,000. On March 25th, the WHO Director General offered six key pieces of advise to countries who have introduced "lockdown" in order to use this time to slow transmission:

- 1) Expand, train and deploy health care and public health workforce
- 2) Implement a system to fine every suspected case at community level
- 3) Ramp up the production, capacity and availability of testing
- 4) Identify, adapt and equip facilities to treat and isolate patients
- 5) Develop a clear plan and process to quarantine contacts
- 6) Refocus the whole of the government on suppressing and controlling COVID-19.

Also, this week, the WHO launched a partnership with WhatsApp and Facebook: the WHO Health Alert messaging service. This service will allow the public to quickly access the latest, reliable information related to COVID-19. To access, **text "hi" to +41 798 931 892** on the WhatsApp messaging application. Over 10 million people have already availed of this service.

Only 60 days since the SARS-CoV-2 genetic sequent was shared, first vaccine trials have begun. Additionally, the WHO have organised the "Solidarity Trial", an international study to compare different treatments. The WHO have issued further technical guidance for the maintenance of essential health services during the pandemic:

<https://www.who.int/publications-detail/covid-19-operational-guidance-for-maintaining-essential-health-services-during-an-outbreak>

This will allow for faster and better understanding of how SARS-CoV-2 is disseminating among the population. WHO have reiterated the importance of following hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette and the regular cleaning and disinfection of surfaces to limit viral transmission.

Please contact one of our experts for further information on our effective disinfectant products to help combat the spread of COVID-19:

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